

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: December 12, 2013

Agenda Item: 2014 – 2015 General Hunting Regulations

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background

Season frameworks are adopted biennially for most game species. This happens every other winter with adoptions in December and Final adoptions in February. Most of the changes are organized, presented and logically considered by individual species or species groups. The changes presented here apply to all species.

For 2014-15, FWP proposes two overall changes to hunting season frameworks:

Prohibition on the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) for hunting.

Require hunters to report and return radio-collars, ear tags, bands, and other marks found on harvested animals.

Public Involvement Process & Results

In addition to public comment at the Dec. 12 Commission meeting, public comment will run through 5 p.m. Jan. 24, 2014. Any final adoptions will take place at the Feb. 13, 2014 Commission meeting.

Alternatives and Analysis

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2013 (status quo).

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

Rationale for individual proposals have been included in Commission information packets and may be further articulated at the Dec. 12 Commission meeting.

Proposed Motion

I move the Commission adopt the proposed changes presented by FWP.